

# Goldstone Church

## Small Group Questions

### Revelation 8:1-5

#### For Starting

- What are THREE things you really like about yourself?
- If you were able to visit heaven, what biblical person would you want to talk to, besides Jesus?
- What ONE questions would you like to ask God? Why?
- Do you like a time of silence when or before you worship? Why?
- What word or phrase stands out when you read this passage?

#### For Reviewing

- What happened after the 7<sup>th</sup> seal was opened (v.1)?
- How many trumpets were given to how many angels (v.2)?
- What is put in the golden censer and where was it put (v.3)?
- What went up before God (v.4)?
- Where did the angel hurl the golden censers (v.5)?

#### For Discussion

- Look at Habakkuk 2:20. How can our silence be glorifying to God? Why are some people uncomfortable with silence?
- Why do you think there was silence in Heaven (v.1)? How would you react when Jesus arrives?
- What role does "reflection" play in your Christian life? What are some of the things that cause you to be overwhelmed?
- "*The prayers of the saints are the cause of great historical upheavals as history comes to an end.*" Do you agree/disagree? Why/why not? How does this impact our prayer lives today?
- Are there prayers that God refuses to hear? See Ezekiel 8:17-18; James 1:6-7; Proverbs 28:9; Zechariah 7:11-13
- "*Some people pray just to pray, and some people pray to know God.*" Why do you pray?
- You could end by reading together Revelation 8:4.

## **Revelation 8:1-5 (NIV)**

### **The Seventh Seal and the Golden Censer**

<sup>1</sup> When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

<sup>2</sup> And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.

<sup>3</sup> Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all the saints, on the golden altar before the throne.

<sup>4</sup> The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of the saints, went up before God from the angel's hand. <sup>5</sup> Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

